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CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE.

The Republican Congressional Committee of the First Congressional District will meet at the office of the secretary, 1417 Chapline street, Wheeling, on Tuesday, June 7, at 1:30 p. m., to fix the time and place and complete the arrangements for a convention to nominate a candidate for Congress.

C. D. ELLIOT, Chairman.
W. J. W. COWDEN, Secretary.



Flag of the free heart's hope and home!
By angel hands to valor given;
Thy stars have lit the welkin dome,
And all thy hues were born in Heaven.
Forever float that standard sheet!
Where breathes the foe but falls before us;
With Freedom's soul beneath our feet,
And Freedom's banner streaming o'er us!

—Joseph Rodman Drake.

The End Near at Santiago.

Only official reports from Commodore Schley to the government will determine how near or how far the various reports from Spanish and other authorities are to the truth concerning the engagement, which is now conceded took place between the American squadron and the forts guarding the entrance to the harbor of Santiago de Cuba. The reports received from Spain and from Cape Haytien differ on material points, and there is little that indicates the circumstances leading to the fight. Even the Spanish reports, though there is an effort to make out a Spanish victory, reflect no credit on Spanish arms, according to the construction placed on the news from those sources by our naval authorities.

In the absence of official details the assumption seems to be warranted that, in spite of the fact that there had been no intention on the part of the American fleet to attack the harbor defenses until a more opportune time, under the plan of invasion, the engagement was forced upon Schley by an attempt by the imprisoned Spanish fleet to escape from the harbor, and that the engagement with the forts resulted from their endeavor to defend the vessels while Schley was driving them back, which he succeeded in doing, in the meantime inflicting great damage on the fortifications.

This is of course a theory, but it is reasoned from the Spanish reports, which have, according to our naval authorities at Washington, who seem to understand the situation of the vessels and their plans, been framed to minimize the Spanish loss. Official reports will, of course, make clear the whole matter, and correct the inconsistencies and discrepancies in the reports that have been received from so many different private sources.

If Schley did the damage to the forts protecting the harbor that has been reported, the Spanish squadron blocked in the harbor is in a worse predicament than it was before, and the end—the destruction of the ships, or their capture, is but a question of a short time.

Even now the decisive action may have been taken. Late reports indicate that great events since the bombardment are taking place or will occur, if they have not already occurred, and important developments may be expected.

How Spain Conquers with Hands Down.

War has its humorous phases as well as its serious ones, but in the conflict we are now witnessing the Spanish side seems to be provoking all that is amusing in the situation. From time to time the people of this country, and those in other countries intelligent enough to know the situation, have been treated to some choice bits from the Spanish press which have either exhibited a lamentable ignorance of conditions in the United States, or a conscienceless disregard for the truth, and an effort to deceive Spanish readers which reaches the point of absurdity, if, indeed, it does not exceed the bounds of utter ridiculousness.

An instance of this course is furnished by El Progreso, a Havana newspaper, which is more daring in its bold endeavor to bolster up the courage of the Spaniards on that fated island, than anything we have read from the most unblinking Madrid newspaper. It serves strikingly to illustrate how the Spanish press, with the connivance, of course, of the government press censor,

is deceiving the populace, by falsehood, into a fancied security.

El Progreso, with great gravity, calls attention of the Spaniards to its alleged theory that the United States' declaration that it would drive the Spanish ruler from Cuba, was a "cowardly boast," and that not an American has set foot on Cuban soil. It declares that every American ship that has approached Cuban shores has been driven back with "disastrous loss," that Cuban forts "have destroyed American fleets," and that in every engagement of whatever character, "Spain has achieved a gallant victory."

Furthermore, El Progreso continues, with amazing affrontery, the army the Americans boasted they were raising to invade Cuba is only a myth. "They," (the Americans) asserts this Spanish yellow journal, "tried to starve us, but they are starving themselves, for bread and meat are higher in New York than in Havana, and the Yankees are compelled to open free soup houses in all their cities to feed their hungry, and the people die of starvation. Beef costs 60 cents a pound in New York, and a loaf of bread 25 cents. How long can the shop-keeping Yankees, who think of nothing but dollars, stand that?"

This is bad enough for the gullible Spaniards to believe and one would think the press censor should be satisfied with his work of deceit, but read this continuance of El Progreso's editorial, and wonder:

"Already our gallant fleet has bombarded the city of Boston and driven the inhabitants into the interior, compelling them to flee for their lives. Next we will move on New York, and no Yankee ship will dare attack us, knowing their inability to cope with the Spanish navy."

Think of this, from a Spanish government organ in a war for the upholding of Spanish "honor." But the following is even more amazing in its audacity. El Progreso proceeds:

"Already there is tumult and insurrection among the Yankees because of the failure of their arms. A military guard of 1,000 soldiers surrounds President McKinley's palace to prevent an assassin from reaching him. Civil war is threatened among the United States, and it may be looked for at any moment. The wealthy Yankees of Philadelphia and New York have barricaded their doors and armed their servants, fearing both the attacks of our people and the mobs of their own people. Such is the condition in America, while our brave and good Captain General Blanco has succeeded in pacifying all Cuba, so that peace reigns on our shores."

It seems from these extracts that what the Spanish navy and the Spanish government lack in aggressiveness and courage to meet the United States forces, the Spanish press, published under the supervision of the government, makes up in falsehood and bombast, and is winning glorious victories over the arms of the United States through its editors. Verily "the pen is mightier than the sword."

As if not satisfied by piling deceitful lies upon deceitful lies, El Progreso outdoes itself by declaring:

"The Philippines, which were at first lost to us, have been regained. If, indeed, they were out of our power, or in danger of being lost. The ships of the Yankee commander have been destroyed, with great loss of life, and the rebels have united with all good Spanish citizens in driving the foreigners from those islands, and have recognized their government under an equitable autonomy."

We had thought that the yellow falsifiers who disgrace journalism were pure American products developed by the energy of our Pulitzer and Hearsts, but here is a Spanish government organ which gives these gentlemen all points and wins. El Progreso's peroration exhorts "brave Spaniards" not to be content to "compel the Yankees to sue for peace, but to invade their territory, capture and destroy their towns." It magnificently predicts that "in the near future the proud flag of Spain will again float upon every sea, and be planted again upon the continent of America, and once more Spain will rule the world." Then comes the grand finale:—"Viva Espana Con Honor!"

Perhaps all this is not worth the space it occupies in an American paper, but it is instructive and interesting, as showing not only how the Spaniards are resorting to the basest deceit to quiet the mutterings of the ignorant populace and to instill courage in them, but how, in the absence of aggressive action on the part of Spanish fighting forces, and in the elusive policy being pursued by the Spanish government, unknown to the masses, the press is carrying on the war and wiping the United States from the face of the earth—at least to its own satisfaction.

A Case of Misrepresentation.

The Parkersburg State Journal goes out of its way to reflect upon and misrepresent the Intelligencer's attitude concerning the decision of Judge Jackson on the civil service cases, some months ago, and which has just been reversed by the United States supreme court.

The Intelligencer desires to say, for the State Journal's benefit, that it expressly stated at the time of the decision that its sympathies were emphatically with the Republican United States marshal's appointees who were deprived temporarily of their places on account of the law, as construed by Judge Jackson. At the same time it did not see fit to make an assault upon the judge, nor did it conceive it to be its duty, as a public journal, to discredit his judicial integrity by charging him with having made a partisan decision, as some papers did.

The Intelligencer accepted that judicial finding with regrets, commented on Judge Jackson's able review of the civil service legislation, rules and statutes, and the equity of the decision, but hoped that some way might yet be found by which the faithful Republicans who had earned the recognition of the party, might yet secure their deserts. It did not, and so said, see the justice of a law which deprived the collector of internal revenue and the marshal from naming their deputies and other subordinates, for whose official acts they were held responsible under their bonds. This was months ago, and the State Journal, at this late day, in undertaking to make it appear that the Intelligencer was not a loyal party paper in its acceptance of a judicial decision in the proper spirit until it should be over-ruled by a higher court, simply misrepresents the attitude of this paper.

Now that the decision is over-ruled on

the ground of jurisdiction, the only point considered by the supreme court, the Intelligencer is glad, as a party paper, that those who are benefited are of its political faith, just as it regretted that those who benefited by the other decision were of the opposite faith. As to the merits of the questions outside of the question of jurisdiction of the court to act upon such cases, they are not under discussion, for the supreme court did not act upon them. The Intelligencer regrets that that august body did not decide directly on the rule which, whether legal or not, works an injustice.

The State Journal never has, though months have passed, neglected an opportunity to misconstrue the Intelligencer's position on the question of the injustice of the civil service rule as it was enforced, and has shown itself unable to discriminate between a just, fair and decent acceptance and estimate of a decision by a high court, pending a decision by a higher one, and an endorsement of an unjust civil service rule. In conclusion, the Intelligencer desires to congratulate Collector White, who is also the editor of the Journal, but is evidently away from home, that his position has been sustained, and that the good Republicans he had recognized may now receive the deserts he had intended for them.

The conviction is growing that the much vaunted Cadiz fleet of the Spanish navy is about as harmless as it could possibly be, and that it isn't destined to cut much of a figure in the war, despite the Spanish boasts. It is stated by naval authorities that two of these warships are "antiquated old tubs," while some of the others are badly in need of repair. The few that are of modern type are not powerful vessels, and not a menace to an enemy.

In Chicago, on Monday, the graves of 6,000 Confederate dead were decorated along with those of the Union dead. Similar scenes were witnessed throughout the country. Out of the feeling of unity which is being augmented by the war with a foreign nation is coming great good which means much for the country in future.

What did those terrible Spanish torpedo boats come over for, if they were to be run to cover by two of their intended victims the first time they made a little demonstration at the mouth of the harbor at Santiago?

The correspondents at Cape Haytien, who heard cannonading at a distance of 300 miles, and based upon the alleged fact a story of a duplicate of the Dewey victory, have better ears than they have eyes for news.

The volunteers are being moved to Tampa in earnest. The government is showing evidence each day of an intention to push the campaign to a finish.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

"De wust 't'ing 'bout bad weather," said Uncle Eben, "is de man dat puh-lits in comin' roun' an' not lettin' yer fohgit it."—Washington Star.

She—An editor has to have great command of language, does he not? He—Oh, yes. He frequently orders four or five thousand words.—Indianapolis Journal.

Is that So?—"Men become what they eat," said Professor Graham. "Then I suppose pugilists are developed from a diet of scraps," replied a forward student.—Harlem Life.

An Irishman who had blistered his fingers by endeavoring to draw on a new pair of boots, exclaimed, "I shall never get them at all until I wear them a day or two."—Titt-Bitts.

Mr. C.—You are quite ignorant of naval affairs. Mrs. C.—There are others. Mr. C.—Yes, but I don't think that the time a boat is tied to a dock is the time when the knots are made.—Yonkers Statesman.

"Does your wife do much fancy work?" "Fancy work! She won't even let a porous plaster come into the house without crocheting a red border around it and running a ribbon through the holes."—Titt-Bitts.

Mr. Walker Daggs—Marlar, we've got to hire a nurse girl to take charge of this howling infant at nights. Mrs. Walker Daggs—But think of the expense. Mr. Walker Daggs—Hang the expense! I'm for peace at any price.—Judge.

We may be pardoned the perpetuation of this: The ex-consul-general at Havana went into a Washington store in search of a coat for his party form. Having put on one, he expressed some doubt as to the fit. "Nonsense," cried the dealer, "that fits you, Lee."—Philadelphia North American.

Rulers of Uncle Sam's Navee.

When I was a lad I served a term As rosbout for a dry goods firm. I filled the lamps, and I swept the floor, And I carried out the ashes through the big front door. I carried out the ashes so skillfullye That now I am a member of the Board of Strategee.

(Chorus, by Admiring Supes.)
He carried out the ashes so skillfullye That now he is a member of the Board of Strategee.

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(Chorus, by the Claque.)
He hung 'em up again so conscientiouslye That now he is a member of the Board of Strategee.

You fellows who are trying to make a strike, And can't tell a mast from a marlinspike, Don't waste any time at a naval school, And be careful to be guided by this golden rule: Stick close to the store and never go to sea. And you may all be members of the Board of Strategee.

(Chorus, by the Others.)
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GOV. ATKINSON'S VIEWS
In regard to Retaining Possession of the Philippine Islands.

Letter to the Editor of the New York Times: You ask my views as to the policy of the government retaining possession of the Philippine Islands as a part of our national territory.

I am clearly of the opinion that it would be a mistake to annex any territory that might result from our war with Spain. It is very evident that we are going to overthrow Spain in the present contest. We have already possession of the Philippines, and I do not believe that they can be wrested from us. Cuba and Puerto Rico will ultimately be captured by our government. They then become our property. But, as I have said above, it would be a mistake for our government to retain them as provinces. The principal reason, in my judgment, for our great success as a nation, lies in the fact that we have refused to engage in any undertaking looking to the acquisition of territory remote from our borders.

We have devoted our attention for more than 100 years to developing our own territory, and the result has been the most marvelous growth of a nation known to history. We have sought to employ our own people at home, thus developing their skill and their genius, diversifying our industries and keeping our money at home. We have been at peace with all other nations mainly because we have allowed them to pursue the course of acquiring foreign territory without competition from us. If we should undertake to hold the possessions captured from Spain, as a part of our national domain, our original policy, which we have pursued for over 100 years, will be entirely changed, our standing army will have to be largely increased, and we will be constantly engaged with broils with other nations. I trust that our government will not engage in that sort of business. If the territory wrested from Spain, as a result of the present war (and I have no doubt as to the result), shall be converted into independent republics that, of necessity, will hereafter be friendly to us, we will be abundantly paid for the blood and treasure necessary to free them from oligarchy and enable them to control themselves as independent nations.

As a matter of course we should be paid a proper compensation for these islands by other governments who need them worse than we do, and who want them.

G. W. ATKINSON,
Governor of West Virginia.
State of West Virginia, Executive Chamber, Charleston, May 21.

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SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1898,

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